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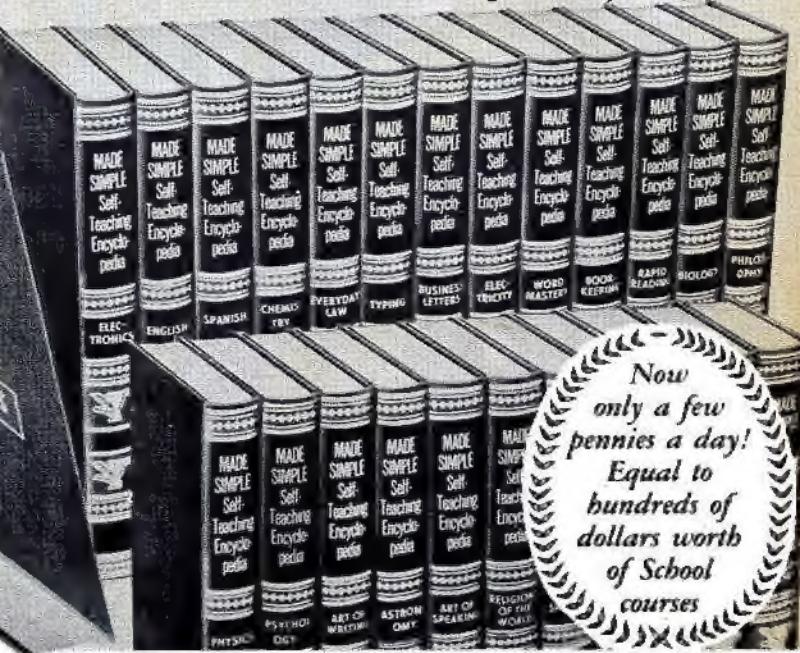
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LAST ISSUE, WHILE BATTLING MAGNETO AND HIS EVIL MUTANTS, PROFESSOR XAVIER WAS INJURED AND SEEMED TO HAVE LOST HIS GREAT MENTAL POWERS! NOW, THE SADDENED X-MEN RETURN TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS...

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AND NOW, LET'S JOIN THE X-MEN AS THEY RETURN TO THEIR SCHOOL BUILDING! ICEMAN FINDS THE DOOR LOCKED, AND...

I CAN'T GET MY KEY UNLESS I DEFROST! HEY, CYCLOPS... I CAN USE YOU!

HIT THE KEYHOLE WITH THAT POWER BEAM OF YOURS TO UNLOCK THE DOOR, HUH? HEY! NOT SO FAST! IF YOU MISS THE DOOR, IT'S GOODBYE ICEMAN!

BOY! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK AGAIN! IF ONLY THE PROFESSOR WAS OKAY!

I'LL LIFT HIM INTO HIS SITTING ROOM! IT'S THE EASIEST WAY!

SLOWLY, JEAN... YOU'RE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD! DON'T JOSTLE HIM!



IT SURE SEEMS STRANGE TO SEE HIM SLEEPING THAT WAY, JUST LIKE ANY NORMAL HOMO SAPIENS! IT MAKES ME FEEL SO... ALONE...

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, ICEMAN! FROM NOW ON WE WILL BE ALONE, FOR THE FIRST TIME... WITHOUT THE PROFESSOR TO GUIDE US AND HELP US!

HE'S SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS TRAINING US TO USE OUR POWERS, JEAN! NOW, WE'VE GOT TO PROVE WE WERE WORTHY OF THAT TRAINING!

WE'VE GOT TO CONTINUE HIS FIGHT AGAINST THE EVIL MUTANTS! BUT WITHOUT HIM TO LEAD US IT'LL BE AN UPHILL JOB, HANK!

WE CAN'T REMAIN LEADERLESS! PERHAPS WE SHOULD.. WAIT! I HEAR A SOUND IN THE DRIVEWAY! A CAR IS APPROACHING!



WHO IS IT, BEAST? HAVE THE EVIL MUTANTS FOUND US?

NO...IT APPEARS TO BE... IT IS... IT'S MARVEL GIRL'S PARENTS!!

I FORGOT! THEY SAID THEY'D DROP IN FOR A VISIT ON THE WAY TO THE WORLD FAIR SITE! QUICK...WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO NORMAL!

MOVE, GUYS! LET'S SHED THESE COB-TIMES ON THE DOUBLE!



IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME A FEW SECONDS TO DEFROST AND CHANGE FROM ICEMAN TO PLAIN BOBBY DRAKE!

IT'S GREAT THE WAY THE PROFESSOR DEVELOPED THIS HARNESS TO HIDE MY WINGS UNDER A SUIT!

SO ONCE AGAIN THE ANGEL BECOMES THAT DEVIL-MAY-CARE YOUNG BLUE-BLOOD, WARREN WORLTHINGTON THE THIRD!

I'M ALWAYS RELIEVED WHEN I CAN DIVEST MYSELF OF MY COSTUME! ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY CARE FOR THE IDENTITY OF THE BEAST!

I MUCH PREFER BEING HANK MCCOY, HONOR STUDENT... ALTHOUGH FATE NEVER LETS ME REMAIN THAT WAY FOR LONG!



I WONDER IF ANYONE WOULD DARE COME NEAR QUIET SCOTT SUMMERS IF THEY KNEW THAT WHEN I REMOVE MY PROTECTIVE GLASSES, THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER BEAM OF CYCLOPS IS UNLEASHED UPON THE WORLD!

AS FAR AS ANY OF OUR PARENTS KNOW, WE ARE ALL STUDENTS AT A PROGRESSIVE PRIVATE SCHOOL! AND ACTUALLY, THAT MUCH IS TRUE!

BUT, BEING NORMAL HOMO SAPIENS, HOW COULD MOM OR DAD UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR DAUGHTER, JEAN GREY IS REALLY MARVEL GIRL!

HELLO, JEAN DEAR! WE'VE ONLY A FEW MINUTES, BUT WE DID WANT TO VISIT YOU!



MOMENTS LATER,
AFTER INTRODUCING
HER "FELLOW
STUDENTS"...

A REAL PLEASURE MEETING
YOU, MR. AND MRS. GREY!
WE'RE SORRY PROFESSOR
XAVIER CAN'T BE WITH US, BUT
HE'S, EH, UNAVOIDABLY
DETAINED!

I UNDERSTAND, MY BOY! I
FEEL I KNOW YOU ALL SO WELL!
THE PROFESSOR WRITES TO US
EVERY WEEK, TELLING OF YOUR
PROGRESS! HE IS CERTAINLY
A WONDERFUL MAN!

WHEN HE FIRST ASKED
IF JEAN COULD ATTEND
YOUR SCHOOL, WE
WERE A BIT HESITANT!
BUT THEN, WHEN WE
WERE CONTACTED BY
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
RECOMMENDING YOUR
COURSE SO HIGHLY, WE
KNEW IT WAS THE
BEST THING FOR
OUR DAUGHTER!



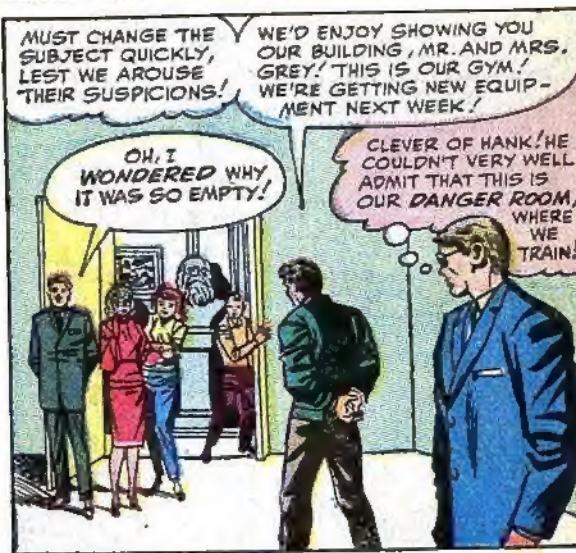
AND WE WERE
SO IMPRESSED
TO LEARN THAT
SOME OF YOUR
COURSES ARE
CLASSIFIED TOP
SECRET BY THE
GOVERNMENT!

OH, WHAT'
INTERESTING
SUN-GLASSES!
I'VE NEVER
SEEN THAT
TYPE...

NO! DON'T
TOUCH THEM!!
I-I'M SORRY,
MA'AM... IT'S
JUST THAT I HAVE
A SLIGHT EYE
INFECTION. I'M
SURE YOU UNDER-
STAND!

MUST CHANGE THE
SUBJECT QUICKLY,
LEST WE AROUSE
THEIR SUSPICIONS!

WE'D ENJOY SHOWING YOU
OUR BUILDING, MR. AND MRS.
GREY! THIS IS OUR GYM.
WE'RE GETTING NEW EQUIP-
MENT NEXT WEEK!



AND NOW, IF YOU'D
LIKE TO SEE OUR
LUNCHROOM, AND
STUDY HALL...

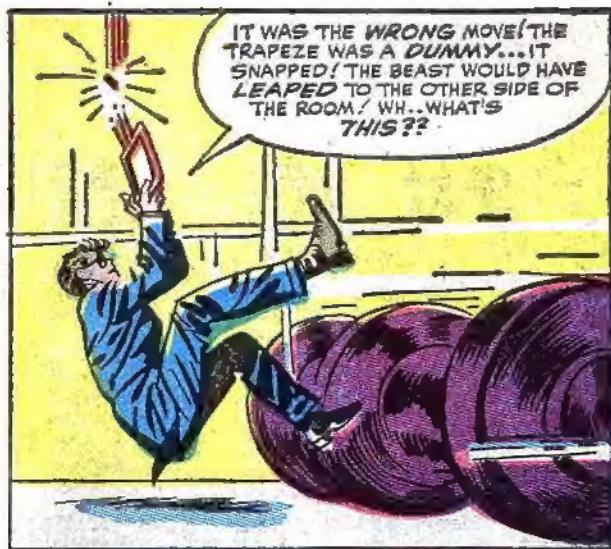
WAIT!!
DON'T
SHUT
THAT
DOOR!

TOO LATE!
THEY FORGOT
ABOUT ME!
THE DOOR'S
TIME LOCK
HAS ME
TRAPPED
INSIDE!

BUT THE "DANGER
APPARATUS" IS
SET ON AUTOMATIC!
THAT MEANS THE
TESTING DEVICES
WILL BEGIN TO
OPERATE ANY
SECOND!

THEY'VE STARTED! IT WAS
THE BEAST'S TRAINING PERIOD
NEXT! THESE ARE HIS SPECIAL
SURVIVAL PROBLEMS!
CAN I HANDLE THEM?







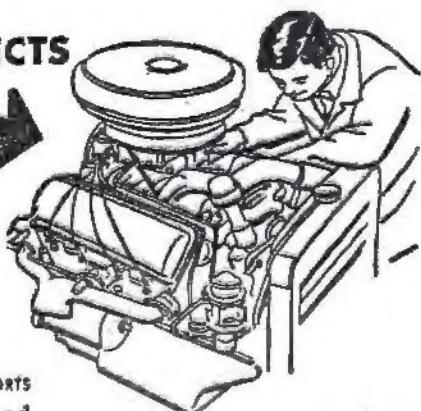
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WITHIN SECONDS, TWO DRAMATIC FIGURES STEP THROUGH THE AIR-LOCK...

THEY'RE HERE, MAGNETO! I'LL GO AND WELCOME THEM!



Moving at dazzling speed, the mutant called QUICKSILVER easily avoids the Toad's unorthodox "greeting", but the slower-moving Mastermind is not so fortunate!

BLAST THAT UNBEARABLE FREAK! HE'LL PAY FOR THIS!



AT A SINGLE GESTURE FROM THE ANGRY MUTANT, AN IMAGE IS CREATED, AN ILLUSION WHICH SEEMS SO REAL THAT IT STOPS THE TOAD IN HIS TRACKS!

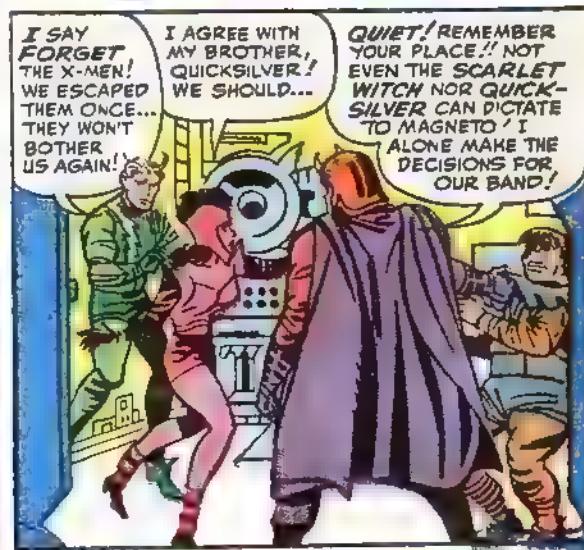
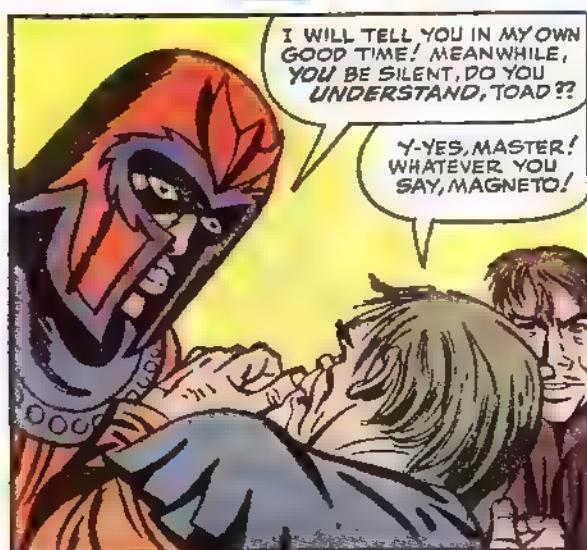
C-CAN'T MOVE! I'M ALL WRAPPED UP IN A HEAVY CLOTH! GET ME OUT OF HERE!! HELP!!

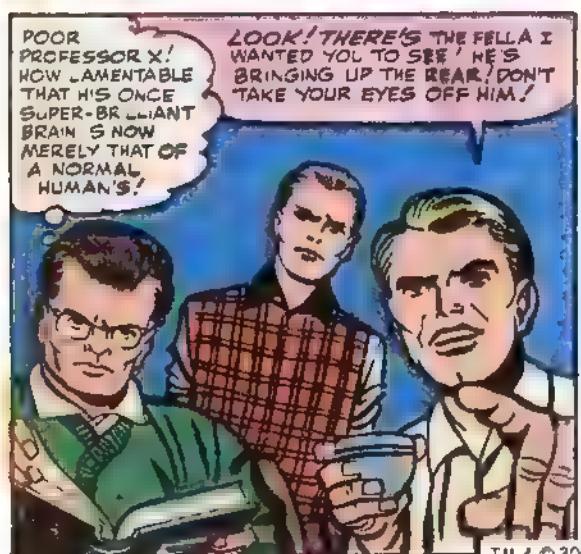


THEN, AS THE TOAD'S HYSTERICAL CRY REACHES THE EARS OF... MAGNETO...

MASTERMIND!!! DISPEL YOUR ILLUSION, INSTANTLY! AT THE COMMAND OF MAGNETO!!!







THERE HE GOES "LOOK AT THAT!" DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE IT? HE'S BEEN WINNING EVERY EVENT BY HOPPING OVER THE OTHERS!

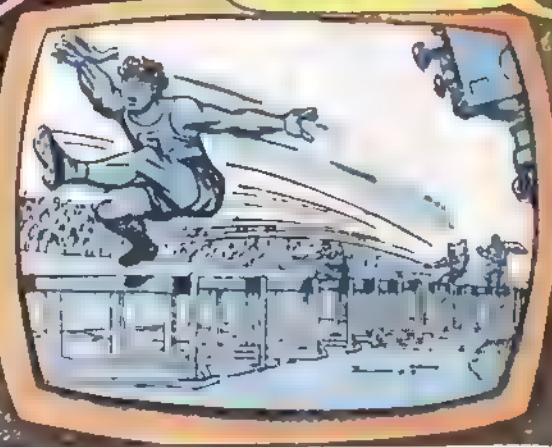
A FEW MINUTES LATER...

LOOK AT THE CROWD! THEY CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE EYES ARE ON THE FIELD ARE INCREDULOUS!



HE'S COMPETING IN EVERY EVENT! WOW! A BROADJUMP - HE THAT WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THE WORLD RECORD!

OKAY... TELL ME! ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?? OF COURSE! THERE'S NO OTHER ANSWER! HE'S A MUTANT... LIKE WE ARE, HE HAS TO BE!



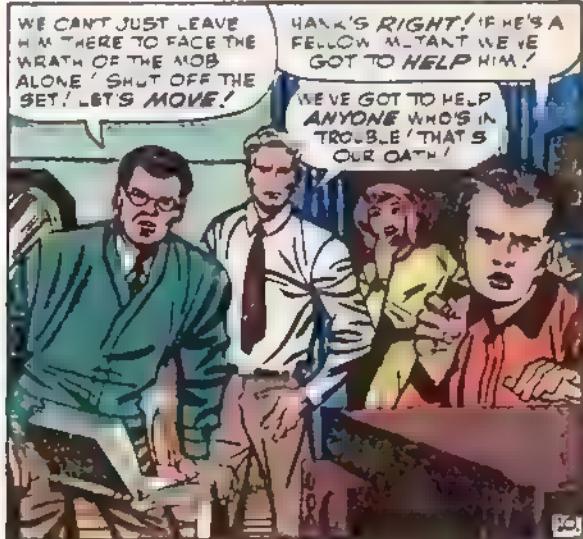
AND LOOK AT THE CROWD! THEY'RE IN AWE AND RAGE JUST LIKE PROFESSOR X ALWAYS WARNED US. NORMAL HUMANS FEAR AND DISTRUST ANYONE WITH SUPER-MUTANT POWERS!

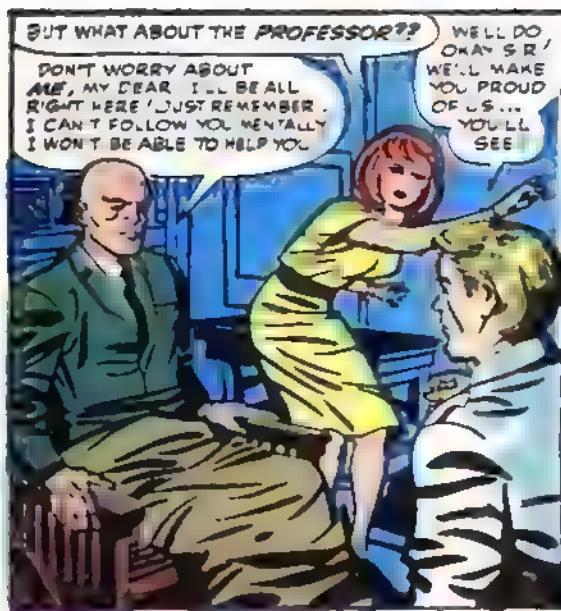
THEY'RE CALLING HIM "FAKE"! THEY FEEL IT MUST BE A TRICK OF SOME SORT... THEY WANT TO BELIEVE THAT... IT MAKES THEM FEEL LESS INFERIOR!

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM THERE TO FACE THE WRATH OF THE MOB ALONE! SHUT OFF THE SET! LET'S MOVE!

HANK'S RIGHT! IF HE'S A FELLOW MUTANT WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!

WE'VE GOT TO HELP ANYONE WHO'S IN TROUBLE! THAT'S OUR OATH!





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SEEING THE STRANGE COLORFUL FIGURES RACING TOWARDS THEM, THE CROWD FALLS BACK FOR A MOMENT IN SHOCK, GIVING THE X-MEN AND THEIR FELLOW MUTANT A CHANCE TO GET CLEAR...

THERE'S A
SUBWAY
STAT ON JUST
AHEAD...
HURRY!!



HOP IN.. **QUICKLY!**
WE'LL HOLD THE
DOORS OPEN THIS
WAS A VERITABLE
HAIRSBREATH
ESCAPE!



L-LOOK!
LOOK
WHO IT
IS!!

SEE HOW
EVERYONE
IS
STARING
AT US!

IGNORE IT, MARVEL GIRL! WE
PAID OUR FARE JUST LIKE
ANYONE ELSE!

THERE'S SOMETHING
VAGUELY FAMILIAR
ABOUT YOU MY FRIEND!
SOMETHING
DISTURBINGLY
FAMILIAR!



WAIT! NOW I
KNOW THE WAY
YOU HOPPED!
ONLY ONE AVANTANT
HAS THAT ABILITY...
THE EVIL ONE
CALLED... THE
TIAO!

DON'T, BEAST!
YOU'LL HURT
HIM... SAY!
IT IS THE
TOAD!

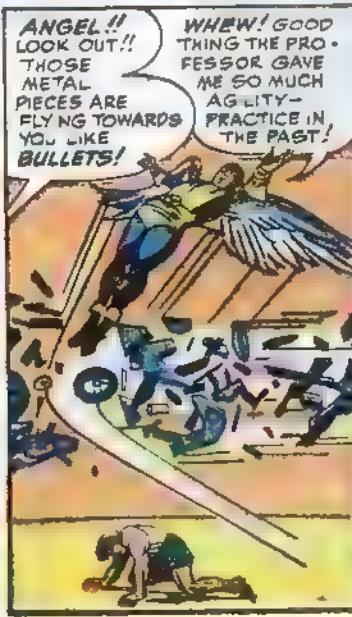
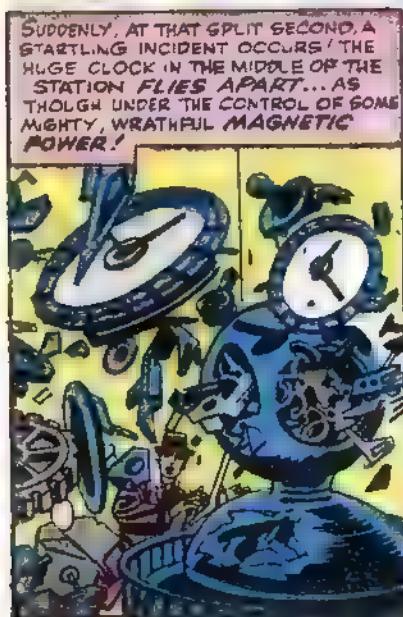
BLAST
YOU! I
ALMOST
HAD YOU
FOOLED.



BUT YOU CAN'T
HOLD ME I'LL
ESCAPE FROM
ALL OF YOU!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN MAGNETO'S
SCHEME TO FIND OUR HEAD-
QUARTERS! HE WOULD'VE
SUCCEEDED IF WE HAD
TAKEN THE TOAD BACK
WITH US. GET HIM...





AT A GESTURE FROM THE EVIL MUTANTS, ONE OF THE HEAVY IRON TRAIN GATES RYSES ABOVE THE SPEECHLESS CROWD...



...AND RACES THROUGH THE AIR, TRAPPING THE ANGEL WITHIN A QUICKLY-FORMED IRON CAGE!

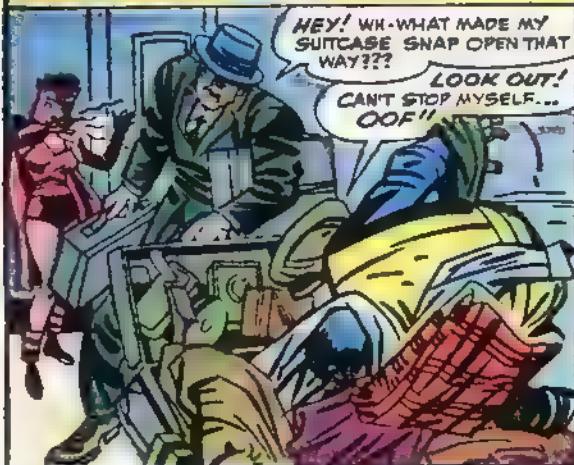


HOLD ONTO THE TOAD, CYCLOPS! I'LL GET UNDER THE ANGEL AND TRY TO WREST THOSE IRON BARS FROM HIM WHEN HE FALLS!

BE CAREFUL, BEAST! ONLY MAGNETO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS ...AND WE'VE NEVER FOUGHT HIM BEFORE WITH- OUT THE HELP OF PRO- FESSOR X?



BUT, THERE ARE STILL MORE EVIL MUTANTS TO CON- TEND WITH... SUCH AS THE SCARLET WITCH, WHO DIRECTS HER INCREDIBLE HEX POWER AT A MAN STANDING NEAR THE ONRUSHING BEAST...



MEANTIME, MASTERMIND HAS CHOSEN THE ICEMAN AS HIS SPECIAL TARGET...

HOLY SMOKE... A DOZEN MASTERMINDS SURROUND- ING ME! IT MUST BE AN ILLUSION! BUT HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ONE IS REAL???



WELL, THERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! I'LL MAKE MYSELF AN ICE CLUB... TAKE A SWING, AND SEE WHO FALLS!!!



BUT, BEFORE THE ICEMAN CAN COMPLETE HIS ATTACK, HE IS ENGULFED BY A CLINGING CLOUD WHICH SEEMS TO STIFLE HIS MOVEMENTS...

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'S ANOTHER ILLUSION, IT'S BLINDING ME JUST AS MUCH AS IF IT WERE REAL!



BUT THEN, MARVEL GIRL DRAMATICALLY ENTERS THE FRAY...



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OH, NO! I MUSTN'T LET CYCLOPS BE INJURED!!

HAH! I'M SAFELY FREE OF THE OF THE GIRL'S POWER!



BUT CYCLOPS IS FAR LESS HELPLESS THAN IT WOULD APPEAR...

ABOUT ME, MARVEL GIRL! I'M NOT LETTING GO OF THE TOAD! AND QUICKSILVER WON'T HANG AROUND WHEN I AIM MY POWER BEAM HIS WAY!

KEEP YOUR EYE ON HIM! WATCH WHERE HE RUNS!

BLAST IT!

I DIDN'T REALIZE HE COULD USE HIS POWER BEAM WHILE I WAS HOLDING HIS ARMS! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF RANGE!



ONLY MY GREAT SPEED IS SAVING ME FROM THOSE POWERFUL BLASTS! ANY ONE OF THEM COULD PUT ME OUT OF THE FIGHT!!

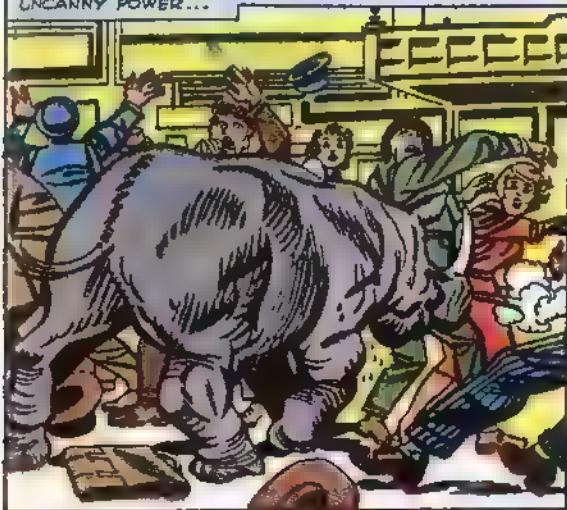
HOWEVER, WHILE THE X-MEN WORRY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, THINGS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT AMONG MAGNETO'S EVIL MUTANTS!!

FORGET THE TOAD! RUN! WE HAVE THE ANGEL! I'LL SWAP HIM FOR THAT HIGH JUMPING FOOL ANY DAY!

QUICKSILVER! HURRY... FOLLOW US!



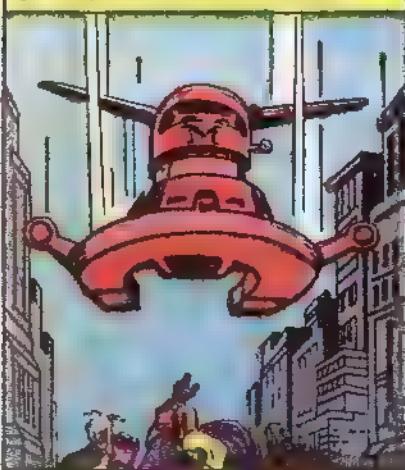
AT THAT VERY INSTANT, A CHARGING RHINOCEROS SEEMS TO COME HURTLING THROUGH THE ASTONISHED CROWD... A WILD BEAST WHICH EXISTS ONLY IN THE IMAGINATIONS OF THOSE AFFECTED BY MASTERMIND'S UNCANNY POWER...



THE CROWD IS PANICKING! I CAN'T GET PAST WITHOUT INJURING SOMEONE! MARVEL GIRL! CAN YOU LIFT ME OVER THEM VIA TELEKINESIS??



MEANTIME, OUTSIDE THE TERMINAL, A MAGNETICALLY-POWERED SHIP SILENTLY DESCENDS TO EARTH...



AND BY THE TIME THE CROWD WITHIN HAS DISPERSED...



I COULDN'T REACH THEM IN TIME! THEY'VE ABDUCTED THE ANGEL! I'VE FAILED!!



DON'T REPROACH YOURSELF, BEAST! WE'RE ALL TO BLAME! BUT THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET!

A SHORT TIME LATER, AT MAGNETO'S ASTEROID, ORBITING ABOVE THE EARTH...

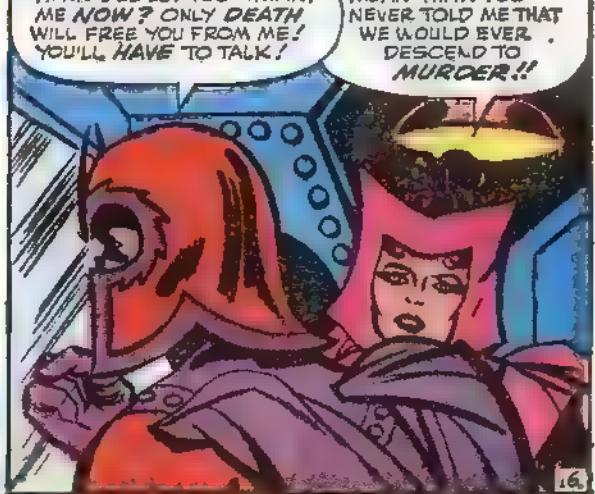
TELL ME WHERE THE X-MEN'S HEADQUARTERS IS, ANGEL! ONCE I FIND PROFESSOR X, I'LL SET YOU FREE!

I'LL TELL YOU ONLY ONE THING, MISTER... DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH WAITING FOR ME TO CRACK!



YOU YOUNG FOOL! DO YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU THWART ME NOW? ONLY DEATH WILL FREE YOU FROM ME! YOU'LL HAVE TO TALK!

MAGNETO! YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! YOU NEVER TOLD ME THAT WE WOULD EVER DESCEND TO MURDER!!



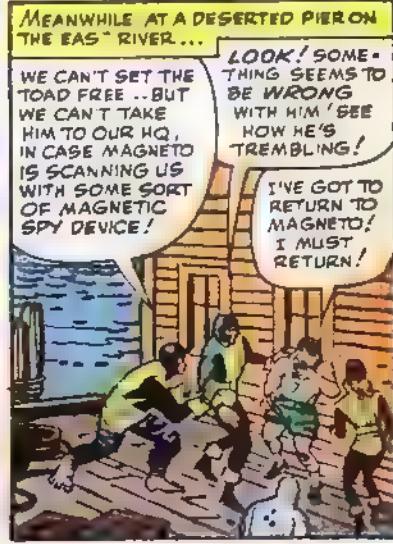
SPARE ME YOUR WEAK WHIMPERINGS, GIRL! I WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO ACHIEVE MASTERY OF EARTH . AND ONLY THE X-MEN STAND IN MY WAY!

I'VE GOT TO HOLD OUT' NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES TO ME, I MUSTN'T BETRAY THE OTHERS! NOT EVEN IF I PAY FOR MY SILENCE WITH MY LIFE!!

IN THE MOMENTS THAT FOLLOW, MAGNETO SUBJECTS THE TIGHT-LIPPED ANGEL TO HIS OWN UNIQUE FORM OF BRAINWASHING!

THOSE FLASHING LIGHT BEAMS WON'T HARM HIM PHYSICALLY BUT THEY'LL PREVENT HIM FROM RESTING SO LONG AS HE'S HERE!

AND IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THOSE HIGH-PITCHED SIRENS BECOME SO UNBEARABLE TO HIS EARS THAT HE'LL TELL ME ANYTHING I WANT TO KNOW!



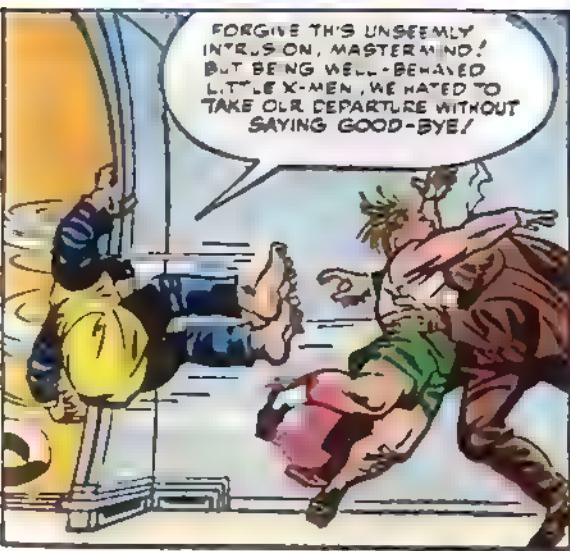
LET'S LEAVE HIM ALONE! LET HIM TALK! WE'LL SEE WHAT HE DOES! IF IT'S NOT A TRICK, HE MAY LEAD US TO MAGNETO!

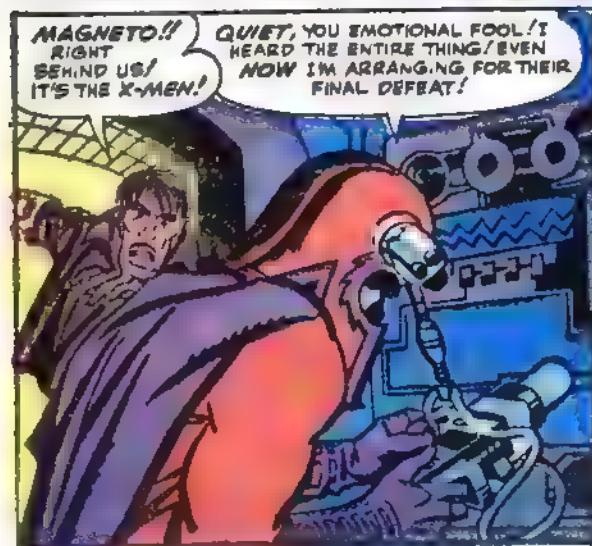
MAGNETO! I'VE GOT TO RETURN TO MAGNETO! SOMETHING IS LEADING ME TO HIM! I CANNOT RESIST!

DON'T LET HIM GO TOO FAR FROM US! IT MAY BE A RUSE! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE DUPED!

EASY, BEAST! GOSH, HE'S LIKE A GUY IN A TRANCE! HE WON'T GET AWAY FROM US! IT'S REAL CREEPY!







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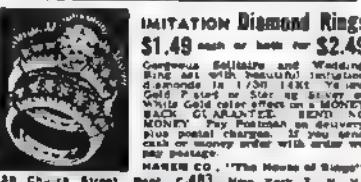
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Dear Stan and Jack,

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Carl Phillips, 1122 Nelsina St.
Anchorage, Alaska

But if we slip just a little bit we'll lose you, huh? Boy, we can't EVER relax!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I really think you are the greatest ever! You may be conceited but you sure can write good stories and your artwork is the best! All your mags are brilliant—I love them! I have just one question concerning the X-MEN—how did they get together? I know the Professor is very smart but how did he find them? After all, extra-special kids don't grow on trees. You made the same goof with Dr. Strange—not telling us how he got going until he had been out for months.

Mary Ann McClain, 1410 Donald
Royal Oak, Mich.

Sure, it took US that long to figure it out! Anyway, we'll keep explaining from issue to issue, in our usual confused way!

Dear Stan and Jack,

In regard to Jerry Johnson's letter saying that the Beast is a copy of the Thing—well, it's just not true. Besides being strong he has acrobatic skills such as walking up walls, walking on ropes, swinging on bars, etc. (which I would like to see the Thing do!)

John Spotts, 9 Windsor Lane, Box 70
Clifton Heights, Pa.

Also, his linguistic process is virtually incalculable! (Let's see bashful Benjamin make something of THAT!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

I like the Homo Superior and Homo Sapiens bit in the X-MEN. It tends to give the magazine something besides just "good guys vs. bad guys."

Kenny Crowe, 339 College St.
Lynchburg, Va.

Like we always say: In OUR mags, you can't tell the good guys from the bad guys without a scorecard!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I don't care WHO says they won't last 6 issues! I know a great comic when I see one, and the X-MEN are great! Of course the biggest surprise of the third ish was the way you built up the personality of each. You gave the personality to the Beast that I thought you'd give the Angel, and vice versa! I knew you'd start getting great characterizations soon, and when you did—WOW! Now they're undoubtedly the best group you have at Marvell! Let's face it—the X-MEN are a smash success with the best heroes and the best artist and writer!

Jim Rostow, 906 Beale St.
South Bend, Ind.

And, if you ask us, the best FANS also! Many thanks, Jimmy!

Dear Stan and Jack,

As for FF #18 and #20—Wow! Stupendous! But now that you've printed X-MEN I'm going to faint! That means it's GREAT! We're going to form an X-MEN Fan Club over here!

Miguel Motta, Isabel de Aguilar St.
Fayardo, Puerto Rico

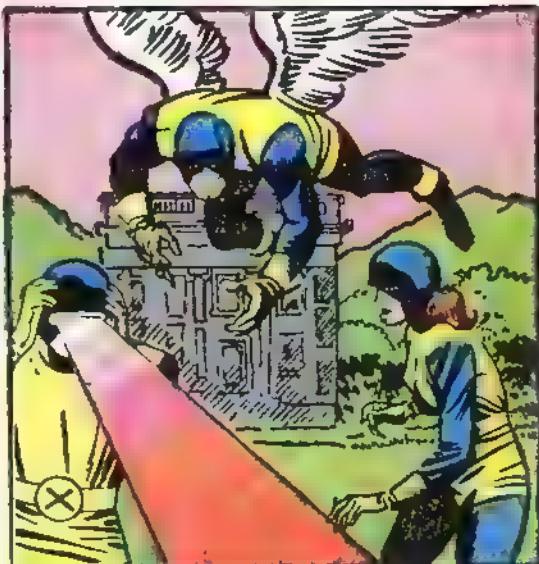
Good idea, Miguel—but don't admit any evil mutants!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I want to congratulate you on the X-MEN. It is the best magazine I have ever read. When I read issue #1 about Magneto, there wasn't a doubt in my mind that it was going to be the greatest magazine ever published. In #2 you introduced the Vanisher. The greatest surprise in that issue was the power of Professor X! In issue #22 of the F.F. Special Announcements Section you predicted that, within a year the X-Men will be one of your most successful mags. You won't have to wait a year to convince me that they're wonderful! I know that already!

Earl Lamb, 912 Whitney Ave.
Albany, Ga.

Okay, Earl, that settles the X-MEN! Now we've got to start all over again with DAREDEVIL! Wotta life!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

Beginning with this ish, the big two, FANTASTIC FOUR and SPIDER-MAN now become the big five, including THE X-MEN, THE AVENGERS, and SGT. FURY! That's right, from now on ALL the Marvel feature-length mags will contain letters pages—at least until we crack!

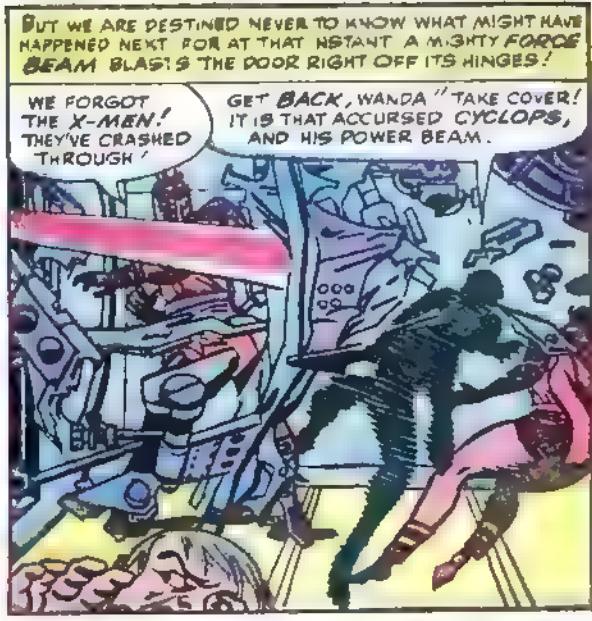
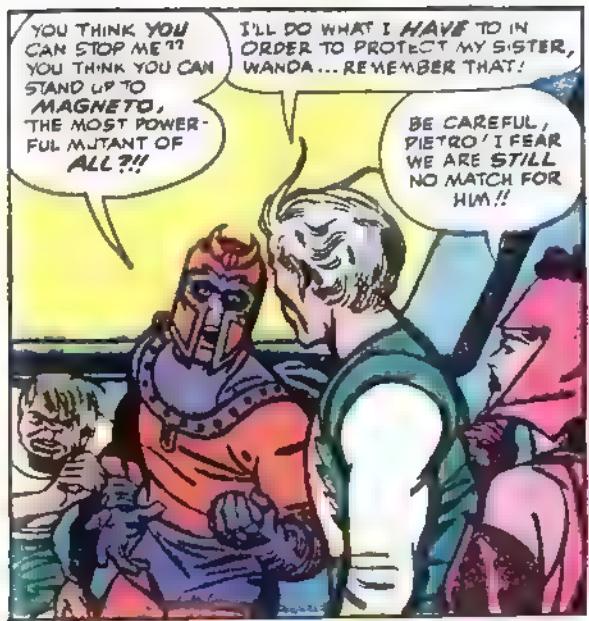
But to make it a little easier on us, we'll limit these new letters sections to only ONE page, so please keep your correspondence brief—agreed?

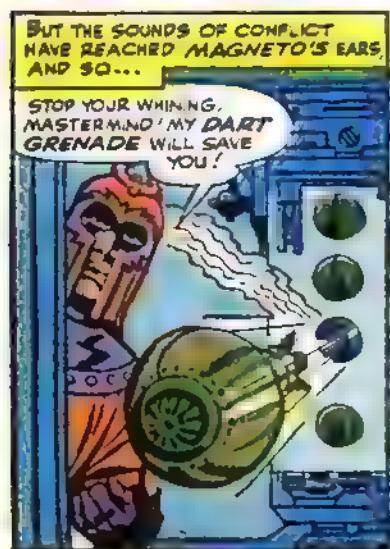
As soon as this letters page goes to press, Stan and Jack will begin work on possibly one of their most important collaborations—FANTASTIC FOUR #28 (on sale the beginning of April) which features the X-MEN as guest stars! This story will be so different, so unique, that we're sure it will be discussed for a long time to come, and of course we hope that all of you X-MEN x-perts will read it and enjoy it.

Incidentally, DAREDEVIL #2 (also on sale early in April) features one of Spider-Man's most colorful foes—ELECTRO! Inasmuch as D.D. will probably be meeting the X-Men sooner or later, we're anxious to know how you like the mag. 'Nuff said!

Next ish of X-MEN features—GUEST STARS!! SUPER-VILLAINS! And Marvel's own unusual brand of off-beat SURPRISES! So, till then we remain, telekinetically yours . . . Stan and Jack!







IT IS!! THE ASTEROID IS BREAKING UP!! DURING THE BATTLE SOMEONE MUST HAVE BRUSHED AGAINST SOME OF THE DETONATE BUTTONS!! BUT, I SHALL TURN THIS TO MY ADVANTAGE!!

SAVE ME, MAGNETO! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

SILENCE, TOAD! IT IS THE X-MEN WHO SHOULD BE FEARFUL! THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE DOOMED!

FIRST WE MUST GET THEM TOGETHER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AIR LOCK!

AHH, THERE'S CYCLOPS! I'LL START WITH HIM!



NOW! BEFORE HE CAN USE HIS POWER BEAM!!

FORGIVE ME FOR ATTACKING YOU FROM BEHIND, BUT WE DON'T FIGHT BY ANY RULES!

THERE! STAY BEHIND THE AIR CHAMBER WITH YOUR WRETCHED PARTNERS! I LEAVE YOU TO EMPTY SPACE!!

MAGNETO, NO!! YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!

IT'S NO USE, TOAD! HE DOESN'T HEAR YOU!



THE X-MEN AREN'T BEHIND THE AIR LOCK! THEY'RE STILL IN THIS SECTION WITH US!!

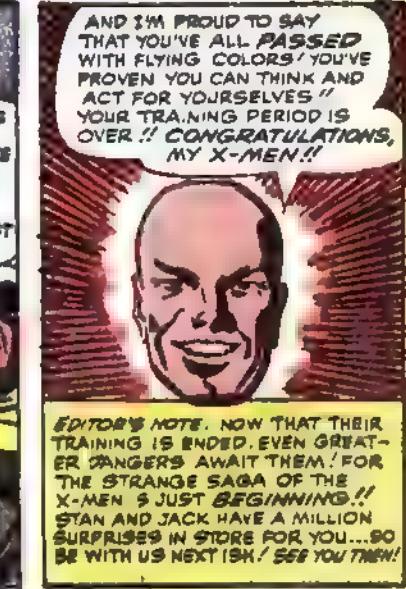
THEN WE'LL FINISH THEM LATER! AT LEAST THE CYCLOPS WILL NEVER BOTHER US AGAIN!

BUT THE X-MEN NEVER DESERT ONE OF THEIR OWN, AND SO...

I'VE GOT TO FLY TO SCOTT BEFORE THAT SECTION CRUMPLES BENEATH HIM AND HE PLUNGES TO EARTH!

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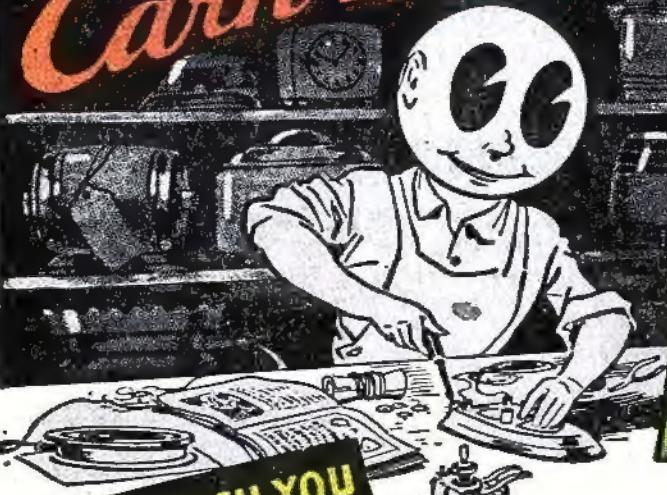
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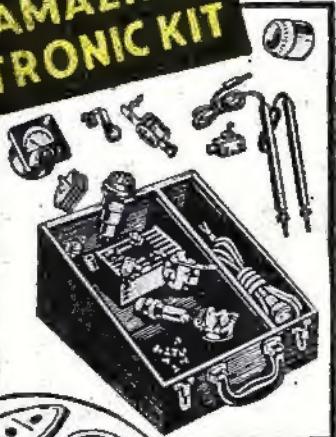
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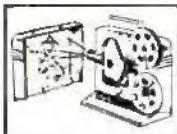
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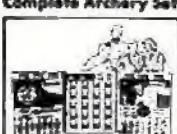
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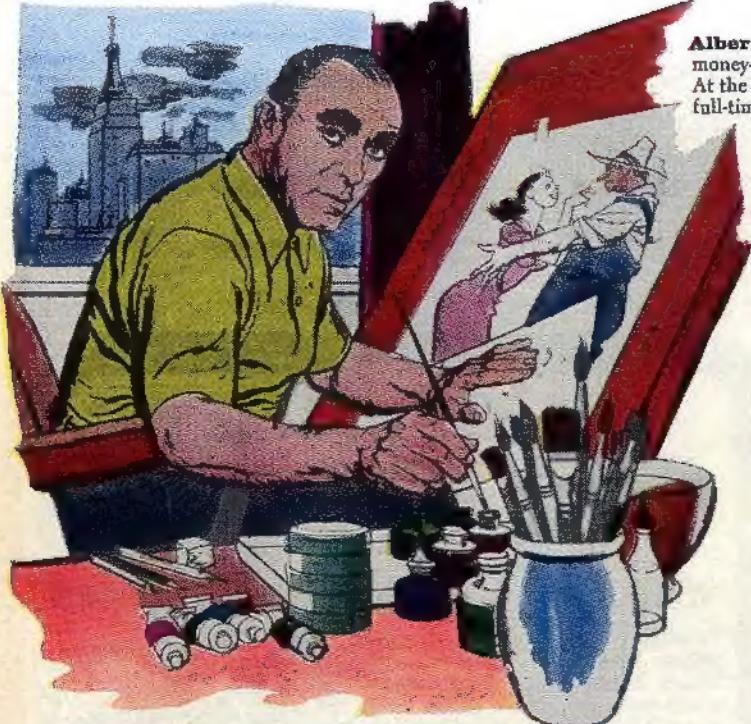
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Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

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Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists — men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school

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